



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Honoring Black History Month

WHEREAS, Black History Month is observed annually in February to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions, achievements, and history of African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Black History Month trace back to 1926 when historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson established “Black History Week,” which later expanded to a month-long observance in 1976, reaffirming the importance of acknowledging Black history as an integral part of American history; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a pivotal role in shaping the cultural, economic, political, and social fabric of Chatham County, the state of North Carolina, and the nation through their resilience, innovation, and leadership in all aspects of society; and

WHEREAS, this year’s national theme for Black History Month is “African Americans and Labor”, which focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary, intersect with the collective experiences of Black people; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners encourages residents of Chatham County to take this opportunity to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and commit to building a better future by recognizing and honoring the contributions of African Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor February 2025 as Black History Month in Chatham County and calls upon all residents, businesses, educators, and community organizations to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate the invaluable contributions of African Americans.

Adopted, this the 17th day of March 2025.

Karen Howard, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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